

Remarks

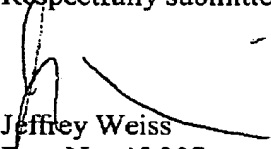
The Examiner has requested a restriction requirement with respect to the above-identified application. The Examiner states that the following groups of claims are directed to patentably distinct inventions: (a) Claims 1-9 (Invention I); and (b) Claims 10-18 (Invention II).

The Examiner requests an election of one group of claims for prosecution on the merits.

In response, Applicant elects Invention II (Claims 10-18) for prosecution on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,



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